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COPY of Order in Council in connection with the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the claims of the Province of British Columbia for exceptional treatment.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that, by Order in Council, dated the 1st February, 1913, it is provided that the Government of Canada join with the Government of the Province of British Columbia in the constitution of a Commission of three persons, one to be named by the Government of Canada, one by the Government of British Columbia, and the third to be selected by the two commissioners, or failing such selection, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to act as a tribunal to consider and report upon the claim of the Province of British Columbia for exceptional treatment by reason of permanent physical conditions and otherwise.

The Prime Minister recommends, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Order in Council that the following gentlemen be appointed as Commissioners, under the provisions of the first part of the Inquiries Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, to inquire into the claims of the province of British Columbia for exceptional treatment, as above set forth:

On behalf of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, Zebulon Aytoun Lash, of the city of Toronto, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the law:

On behalf of the Government of the Province of British Columbia, Ernest Victor Bodwell, of the city of Victoria, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, and that the third Commissioner be selected by agreement of the two Commissioners hereby appointed, or failing such agreement, by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

